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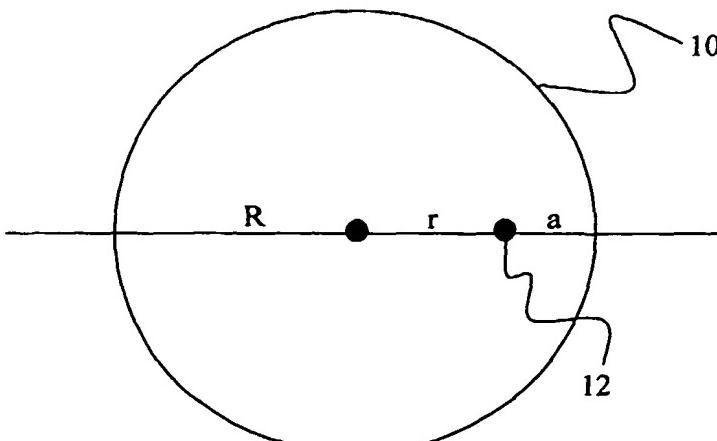
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$$\text{lumen} = (t_1 + t_2)v/4.$$

(57) Abstract: A method for determining the distance of a transceiver located within a lumen from the center of the lumen and for determining the radius of the lumen, the lumen cross-section being substantially circular at the transceiver location, the method applied on data received from a transceiver placed at a position within the lumen that is distance (r) from the center and distance (a) from the lumen wall, transmitting a signal of known velocity (v) that can be correlated with the time of flight and receiving a first signal and a second signal that are reflections of the transmitted signal, timing the time differences between the transmission of the transmitted signal and reception of the first (t_1) and second (t_2) reflection signals, the method comprising: Calculating the distance of the transceiver from the center of the lumen = $(t_1 - t_2)v/4$; and Calculating the radius of the

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